

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-15, 17, 19-23 and 25-37 are pending.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 34-37 over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,797,843 (hereinafter US '843) in view of Ekwuribe et al (US '692) or Keil et al. However, to advance prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is attached. Applicants request that the obviousness type double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Claims

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Kumar for holding that claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-15, 17, 19-23 and 25-37 were free of prior art and allowable except for the obviousness type double patenting rejection. With the filing of the terminal disclaimer, applicants request that claims 1-3, 5-11, 13-15, 17, 19-23 and 25-37 be allowed.

In the event that the filing of this Response is deemed not timely, applicants petition for an appropriate extension to time. The petition fee, and any other fees that may be required in relation to this Amendment, can be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in the event that there remains any minor issues that can be resolved with a telephone interview.

Respectfully Submitted,  
KENYON & KENYON

Dated: December 16, 2005

By: King L. Wong  
King L. Wong  
(Reg. No. 37,500)

Enclosure: Terminal Disclaimer

1500 K Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 220-4223